

REMARKS

Claims 1, 9-14 and 20-24 are pending in this application. Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claims 8-13 and 19-24 contain allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 14 are amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter recited in claims 8 and 19, respectively. Accordingly, claims 8 and 19 are canceled.

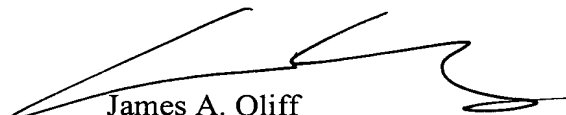
Claims 9 and 10 are amended to depend from claim 1. Claims 20 and 21 are amended to depend from claim 14. Claims 2-7 and 15-18 are also canceled. Thus, the rejected claims are either canceled or amended to incorporate allowable subject matter.

In view of the above, the pending independent claims 1 and 14 each recite allowable subject matter. All remaining rejected claims 2-7 and 15-18 are canceled. Thus, the application is placed in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 9-14 and 20-24 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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